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Feature stories in the October issue of TNA News will cover California gold and the St. Gauden's \$20 gold piece.

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REMEMBER — The  
of October is dead-  
line for November  
issue

# PRESIDENT'S

## MESSAGE



**WORK AND GROW** - and we are growing! Forty six new members in three months but should be at least 60. We must have at least 20 new members each month and some months a few extra for occasionally we do lose a member for various reasons.

July was a work month for your president; three very productive meetings - first one with District Governor Bob Hewgley, seven clubs represented of the 12 in District 5; same day a real progress meeting with 1st VP Wingo, Convention Coordinator Tom Bain, TNA Medal Chairman Roger Earwood, General Chairman Homer Brooks and Dallas Coin Club President Bob Hewgley. The 1972 TNA convention is really in the making.

District Governor Buz Sawyer, 2nd VP Fred Clark together with about 50 other wonderful people produced an excellent all district meeting in

Sweetwater. Your president attempted to talk on "What TNA Can Do For You" with both vice presidents, governors Peppard and Sawyer along with Past President Ellis Brooks and the Clark Courseys, our publishers of the TNA News, present. Your president probably should have been listening.

Ray and Mary Jane Whyborn say the new TNA Directory should be ready about October 1.

There will be a TNA Board meeting in Austin Sunday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m. If you have anything to bring before the Board advise me prior to September 20.

**HAVE YOU SIGNED A NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH?** I have!

A Little Post Script - I also gave one club program and one program on numismatics for a Kiwanis Club.

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# THE ENGLISH COINAGE OF GEORGE III

By J. P. JONES,  
Waco, Texas

The reign of George III (1760-1820) is one of the most numismatically interesting in modern English history. The two main characters involved were James Watt, inventor of the perfected steam engine, and his partner, Matthew Boulton, without whose financial backing, Watt's invention would have amounted to nought.

I believe there were three main factors in the story of this coinage. They were: (1st) Greed which is self explanatory, and was the cause of the (2nd) Dishonesty, (3rd) and perhaps the most important, Indifference. Indifference on the part of the government in not trying to find solutions to the problems of the counterfeiting and deleting of the coinage. Indifference on the part of Parliament not enacting stricter laws against the counterfeiting of copper coins. The counterfeiting of gold and silver coins was considered high treason and could be punishable by death, but that of counterfeiting copper coins was not even a misdemeanor until 1742.

This was grossly unfair. The hardships suffered by the common people due to the large number of counterfeit coins in circulation, were far greater than those of the rich, who were protected by the harsher laws against counterfeiting gold and silver coins and who, it seems, had little concern for the troubles of the poor.

The state of the coinage in 1760 when George III succeeded to the throne, was horrid, and was to remain so during the majority of the first 56 years of his reign.

Although some farthings and half

pennies were struck from the dies of those of George II, and dated 1754 due to the rise in the price of copper, the first copper coins bearing an effigy of George III were not struck until 1770. Half pennies being minted from 1770 through 1775, farthings were minted in the years 1771, 73, 74 and 75. These coins were melted down in great numbers and light weight counterfeits struck from them. Twenty two years were to pass before the coinage of copper coins was resumed.

Between 1770 and 1797, 60 per cent of the regal copper coins in circulation were counterfeit, or coins worn beyond recognition. This is an example of Gresham's Law — that bad money drives out good. Although the penalties for counterfeiting copper coins were light in comparison to those for counterfeiting gold and silver coins. It was safer to strike Bung-Towns. These were tokens resembling regal copper coins, but with jumbled inscriptions. Therefore, if caught, the makers could claim they were not counterfeiting regal coins. It was still safer however, to export them to the American Colonies, where the inflation of the coins and paper money in relation to sterling caused a half penny to pass as a penny. Thousands were exported, and they played an interesting part in the numismatic history of our country.

The first silver coins of George III were groats, three pence, two pence and pennies, beginning in 1762 and 1763. Because of the small number minted, with the exception of the three pence of 1762 and 1763, these were most likely coins used for the Maundy ceremonies. With the exception of the mintage of approxi-

mately 2,000 shillings struck in 1763 for the Duke of Northumberland on the occasion of his becoming Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Due to the rising price of silver, a period of 24 years passed before there was another coinage of silver for circulation. In 1787 there was a large issue of six pence and shillings. These were hoarded and uncirculated specimens are common today.

By 1787 the shortage of regal copper coins was acute and had something not been done, barter - that most primitive form of exchange - would have resulted. Because of the seemingly lack of concern on the part of the government, private companies began to issue tokens. The first of these were issued by the Parys Mining Co. in 1787 and were struck by Matthew Boulton. These were hut the first of many. In the beginning the tokens were of equal weight to that of the regal coins and were a great service to the people. Many light weight tokens were issued however bearing the name of a non-existent company. This situation was allowed to continue for 10 years, when Boulton was finally given a contract to strike regal copper coins.

Boulton had campaigned for an improved coinage as early as 1772 but like his predecessors during the reign of Elizabeth I, when milled coins were first struck, he met with opposition from within the mint. The Royal Mint housed in the Tower of London was hopelessly antiquated, the latest improvement being the abandonment of striking hammered coins and the resumption of the superior milled coinage in 1662.

Beginning in 1797, Boulton started striking copper pennies and two pence. Although dated 1797, Boulton struck pennies of the same design for several years. The two pence were struck for at least two years. These coins were unique in many

ways. They contained their intrinsic value - and to further prevent counterfeiting, they were struck with a retaining collar to insure a constant diameter, a broad raised rim and with incused lettering. They were so accurately struck that counterfeiting was impossible. These were the first coins ever to be struck by a private mint (with the exception of the coins struck by the ecclesiastical mints, prior to the reign of Edward VI and the siege pieces struck during the Civil War.)

Unfortunately they were not popular due to their size and weight. The two pence was the first true coin of that denomination. Silver two pence are included in the coins given out by the sovereign on Maundy Thursday and are not intended for circulation.

The reverse design of these coins pictures Britannia, the substitution of Neptune's trident for her spear and the addition of waves and a sailing ship in the background symbolizes England's increasing maritime power.

In 1799 Boulton was again commissioned to strike copper coins. Only farthings and half pennies were minted. Due to the rise in the price of copper, they were of a lighter weight in proportion to the copper coins of 1797 and are of a somewhat different design. The farthing has its denomination on the rim and was the first of the regal milled coins to be inscribed with its denomination.

In 1806 and 1807, farthings, half pennies and pennies were struck by Boulton's Soho Mint. They are of a slightly different design than the previous issues and of a lighter weight. These were the last copper coins of the reign.

In 1808 certain groups contrived to prevent the circulation of the legitimate regal copper coins. Their attempts were successful enough to cause the issue of the following proc-

lation. Those Persons Who Refuse to Accept The Regal Coins Will Be Prosecuted."

Due to the demand for copper coins caused by the Industrial Revolution, the price of that metal rose so high as to make another issue of copper coins impractical. This in turn caused those in circulation to be melted, as their bullion value exceeded their value as coins.

This in turn caused another issue of tokens. Nothing was done to suppress them until 1817, when they were declared illegal and their issuers forced to redeem them with regal coins.

To return to the regal silver coinage, an act was passed in 1798 suspending the coinage of silver due to the rising cost of that metal. In 1798 the firm of Dorrien & Magens sent a large quantity of silver bullion to the mint to be coined. Shillings of the same design as the ones of 1787 were struck. The government ordered the coins to be melted. A few specimens do exist and are extremely rare.

Spanish coins obtained by the Bank of England circulated in place of the regal silver coinage. By 1797 there was a acute shortage of regal silver to legalize the Spanish coins then in circulation, they were counter-stamped with an oval bust of the king. The eight reales were valued at 1s 9d, the lesser denominations accordingly. These coins were widely counterfeited and an octagonal counterstamp was substituted. Due to the rise in the price of silver, they were revalued at 5/s.

Because of the shortage of minor silver regal coins, light weight private silver tokens began to be issued in 1811. This prompted the Bank of England to issue its own tokens - in two denominations 3s and 1s 6d. The bank's were truly tokens, containing 80% silver. Regal coins con-

tained 925 fine silver (sterling). None the less they were melted and more light weight tokens made from them. They were also counterfeited in large numbers. The design was changed in 1812 and they continued to be issued through 1815. This change in design did not prevent the counterfeiting of the tokens - both issues were widely counterfeited.

Before finishing with the silver coinage, a few words as to the gold coinage. Like the copper and silver it too was in a sorry state. The only gold coins in circulation were deleted ones. Because the value of coined gold was at 3/17/10½d, a standard ounce, the higher valuation of that metal in foreign countries made it profitable to melt and export the coins. In 1814 it reached its highest point - 5/7/0d an ounce. Even after the recoinage of 1816, the coins were melted as fast as they were minted. The denomination of the coins was expressed in guineas, a guinea at that time being 21/s.

The name is derived from the fact that the gold from which the first guineas were struck was supplied by the Africa Company which operated in the gold coast, then known as Guinea. In 1816 the denomination was changed to sovereigns, a sovereign being 20/s. Due to the shortage of gold coins, notes were issued by the Bank of England. Then due to the war, the internal economic situation etc., after 1797 these notes were no longer redeemable in gold, and their value fluctuated and gold coins commanded a premium. A law was passed forbidding the paying or receiving of those notes at less than their face value and forbidding the paying or receiving of gold at more than their legally set value. This had little effect on the traffic in those coins and notes. It was not until 1821 that the notes became redeemable in gold.

In 1798 the privy Council appointed



a committee to study the state of the coinage and the establishment of the Royal Mint. The committee recommended the erection of a new mint. The building began in 1806 and was completed in 1812. The new mint on Tower Hill was equipped with the superior machinery of Boulton and Watt.

The Napoleonic Wars had helped to increase the price of silver and after their final end in 1815 the price returned to normal. The market price of gold also began to fall after Napoleon's final defeat. In 1816 a parliamentary committee recommended an immediate recoinage of gold and silver coins to ease the coin shortage. The gold standard was adopted with the gold coins continuing to retain the same weight and fineness. The silver became a token coinage reducing the size and weight of the coins, thus causing their intrinsic value to be less than their face value.

Although the market price of gold had been declining it was still above the mint price and the new gold coins were being hoarded or melted as fast as they were minted. It was not until March 1820 that gold returned to the mint price and May 1821 that the gold standard became a reality.

The issuance of the new coin in 1817 ended the 517 year history of the old Royal Mint housed in the Tower of London. With the issuance of the new coins and bank tokens and old silver coins, no matter how worn, were redeemed and demonitized. The redemption was done at a cost of 700,000 pounds. For the first time since the reign of George II a complete coinage of six pence, shillings and half crowns were issued.

The effigy of the king on the half crown was displeasing (known as bull head) and was changed somewhat with the next issue dated 1817. The re-

verse of the coin bore the Royal arms. There were not fleurs-de-lis as the king had relinquished his ancient claim to the French throne in 1801. In 1814 Hanover became a kingdom, the electoral cap being replaced by a crown.

The 5/s coin known as a crown was not issued until 1818 because of the special care given the crowns in their distribution to the banks. It is believed that they were never meant for circulation but as collectors' items. The reverse design of this coin and also that of the sovereign struck in 1817 was Pistrucci's classic adaption of St George slaying the dragon. This was the only significant coin design of the reign. It was still in use until the striking of sovereigns ceased in 1970.

In 1817 there was a planned recoinage of copper and all copper coins struck previous to 1797 were redeemed (according to weight) and demonitized. At the same time, the further minting of copper tokens was forbidden. Due to the rise in the price of copper, no regal coins were struck until 1821. With the demise of the king in 1820, so came to an end the 58 year history of his sporadic coinage. Things have changed since the days of Boulton and Watt. In 1966 Great Britain announced that after 1300 years of coinage, they were adopting the decimal system. Actually England has had a decimal coin since 1849 when the florin was first issued. A new mint has been established in Wales and in 1972 it will completely replace the Tower Hill Mint, bringing to an end its 160 year existence.

To all extents this is the end of the story, in retrospect however a few points must be noted. The coinage with the exception of the copper coins struck by Boulton and the last issue of silver coins, was a series of mis-

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# THE PUFFINS OF LUNDY

By NORMA MATHER,  
Corpus Christi, Tex.

“You enjoy fairy tales? Great—but here in a pubescent journal? Well, read on and you’ll find a double-barrelled one.”

Once upon a time there was a chunk of granite about 3½ miles long and ½ mile broad athwart Bristol Channel off the coast of Devon in southwest England where many a ship has met disaster. The island’s still there equipped with lighthouses and signal station.

A neat black and white bird with a comic-strip beak and twinkling eyes comes in huge numbers each breeding season from the Arctic to lay single eggs in rocky crevices and get “only” chicks started. The bird’s the puffin and the island is named Lundy from the Norse words for “puffin” and “island.”

Now, Lundy Island is on a flyway where lots of birds drop in for a rest en route north or south and where bird watchers drop in to watch the birds. Once an 18 year old bird watcher said, “One day I’ll buy this island”—and he did, 20 years later after becoming a successful financier.

Martin Coles Harman acquired the island, owned 82 years by a family named Heaven, with “rights of ownership which had its origin from the Charters and grants of Feudal times.” Harman accepted this sovereignty of the Island which had become known as “the Kingdom of Heaven,” and was no less imbued with the sense of possession than his predecessors. He did away with His Britannic Majesty’s Post Office and had his own system of postal operations on the island. He had a series of stamps printed and charged “putlimage” for handling mail to and from the island.

On the 6th of June, 1929, Harman

gave an order to the mint, Birmingham Ltd., for “50,000 bronze tokens, about the size of a penny, and a similar quantity of articles about the size of a half penny . . . stamped on one side with the head of the defendant and on the other with a representation of a bird known as the puffin on the larger ones and the smaller ones with the head of the puffin and they were known as Puffins and Half-Puffins” (Quote from trial records).

Harman chose the “puffin” as his unit of currency because more than a century earlier there was a brisk trade in feathers of sea birds, particularly puffins, with the mainland and a system of barter grew up so that so many puffins were regarded as the price of a pound of sugar or some other commodity.

The coins were 95½% copper, 3% tin, and 1½% spelter (zinc), the same as the Imperial Bronze coinage. The designs were Harman’s conception. John Pinches of John Pinches (Medallists) Ltd., London, engraved the dies.

LUNDY LIGHTS AND LEADS appears in raised letters around the edge of the coins, which is literally true because of the two lighthouses and the naval signal station on the island to reduce the number of wrecked vessels.

The owner of Lundy was prosecuted by the Director of Public Prosecutions for, “on the 5th day of March, 1930, in the Island of Lundy in the County of Devon, he did unlawfully as a token for money issue a piece of metal to the value of one half-penny, contrary to Section 5 of the Coinage Act of 1870.”

Because Lundy was “a little Kingdom in the British Empire but out of England” and because everyone on the island was working for him Har-

man offered "No plea," challenging jurisdiction of the court, when brought to trial. However, he was found guilty and fined 5 pounds and court costs. He appealed to the King's High Court of Justice, London, where he pled his own case "with skill and conviction" but the appeal was dismissed.

These are "The 1929 PUFFINS OF LUNDY" - unofficial, outlawed, but included in Friedberg's *Coins of the British World* and Yeoman's *A Catalog of Modern World Coins* and recording a vignette of history.

The other barrel - In the sales prospectus a page from *Childcraft - The How and Where Library* has a cute poem and picture of the puffin. From that page we sales representatives flip over to the *World Book* article on birds for a look at the puf in his natural environment and factual information. The puffins on Harman's coins, displayed by a British dealer at an ANA convention, intrigued me and I got a set. The next year that dealer had a book telling the Coles story, a neighbor found a 20-year old *National Geographic* with the Lundy story. The agent named in that article was the one who replied to my letter to Lundy, sent his booklet about the island's postage and stamps. My exhibit of "The 1929 Puffins of Lundy" missed Best-in-Show locally by one point, was awarded just 26 points by one judge at ANA and a letter from the head judge stated, "You was robbed." - A double-barrelled fairy tale, all true, about a most interesting 2-coin "collection." Reasons for collecting are as varied as people. A series need be neither expensive or extensive to be challenging and enjoyable.

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Six varieties of the Buffalo nickel were issued in 1913, the first year of issue.

## THE ENGLISH COINAGE —

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takes and was an illustration of the fact that the government was unable to supply and control a circulating coinage.

The main mistakes were:

1. The continuation of the policy of placing the burden of the cost of the coinage on the people, which did not have the intended result, an abundance of coinage. This was first done by Charles II when he relinquished his seignorage (this allowed anyone to bring bullion to the mint and have it coined free of charge) and placed a tax on alcoholic beverages. This was further compounded by William III, when he placed a tax on windows to pay for the great recoinage during his reign. As to the silver coinage, this policy was repealed in 1816 but the cost of the gold coinage continued to be borne by the people.

2. Allowing full weight and debased coins to circulate at the same time.

3. Allowing the state of the coinage to sink so low, that it was necessary to revert to the practice of weighing coins to determine their value. This is contrary to the basic principles of coinage.

4. The continued striking of coins of the same weight, oblivious to the variations in the price of bullion.

5. The inferior workmanship of the coins which so easily permitted counterfeiting.

6. The issuing of token silver coins and full weight gold coins. That metal which is overvalued, buys up and consumes the other.

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# COMMENTARIUM.....

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## WHY HAVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT CLUB MEETINGS?

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Most every coin club has its own constitution which includes a section explaining the purpose of the organization. Most of them are worded thusly "Its object shall be to encourage and dispense of numismatic knowledge and to cultivate fraternal relations among its members."

Many clubs forget what its purpose is as the big dollar sign blinds the members. It seems that some coin clubs are only interested in buying and selling of coins, with the educational programs being forgotten. Many coin club meetings we attend nearly always stick to a routine of reading the minutes, giving the treasurer's report, a short business meeting, an auction and closing the meeting. No attempt is made to present a program that might be enlightening, on some numismatic subject, although they may have several members who are capable of bringing it and many have new members who are thirsting for more knowledge of coin collecting.

You might ask, "Why should your club present a program for the members?" First, not all of us are knowledgeable in all subjects and need to learn from someone who has done some research on his particular subject. We send our children to school in order that they may gain knowledge from their teachers who have made a profession in the subjects they teach, so why should we not expose ourselves to what information we can gain from others? We have never heard an educational program given that we did not gain some knowledge of the subject being presented. Any one who has ever prepared a program for presentation to the club has

enriched his numismatic knowledge beyond that of his listeners. Secondly, most all coin clubs have the talent that could be used to advantage if called upon to do so. We know of one club that makes it the duty of the first vice president to see that a program is upcoming for each meeting. This person starts out with a calendar in December and assigns one member for each month of the year starting with January to present his talk to the club. This means that every one has a chance to study and research his subject from one month to twelve months in advance.

Some members will take longer to prepare and they should be given their turn late in the year while some others can work up a good program in 30 days or less. This has proven to be a very easy method of handling the programs and one that you will find can bring out some most interesting subjects that are enjoyable.

Many will ask, "What can I talk about and how will I prepare my program?" They can be answered by telling them to pick any numismatic item that they might be interested in, be it coins, paper money, tokens, medals or hundreds of related items. Then try to find out all you can about this item, such as who was the engraver or designer, when and why it was minted or made, how it was used and for how long used. The history of the time period when it was in use is usually very interesting and most times the reason for it being put into use. All of this information can be gained by seeking out your public library or the TNA Me-

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## NEWS ROUNDUP - A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
A.N.A. Representative

The 20th convention of ANA will be over when you get this but anticipation is at present very keen. Of course just going to our nation's capital is a privilege, taking in some of the sights - you can't do it all on one trip - and then the rewards of the convention! The folks you see are the most important feature, exhibits this year as every year, promise to be extra special, and all those dealers with their goodies, gosh! Forums, business meetings and those of affiliated groups are always interesting, informative.



Norma Mather

This year the Club Representatives breakfast will be of extraordinary significance. Amarillo will receive its top National Coin Week award. Corpus Christi Coin Club and Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi will each present a \$200 check to Richard Long, the new curator, for a case for the ANA Museum in memory of Jig Adams, Lamar Folda Mrs. Sam Hindman, George Mather (your ANA District Representative at the time of his death) and Dan Barron.

It is hoped that this move, in addition to being a fitting memorial to five members who were active in the hobby, will be an incentive to other clubs to follow suit having seen the confidence we feel in Dick and recognizing the desirability of having a top money museum in the middle of the country.

Most ANA clubs in Texas received

a letter from this representative in July suggesting that your Club Representative present your museum check in Washington or send it for me to present for you. Several letters were returned to me because of incorrect addresses - from the ANA Club Directory with corrections I picked up from TNA News. PLEASE be sure your club's address is correct and current officers are listed with headquarters in Colorado Springs. It's very important that your ANA Club Representative's name is on file, too. Some clubs elect a representative, which is a way of making sure one is named because some new presidents don't realize that they should name club representatives to both ANA and TNA and see to it that these names are reported.

You will want to follow the new feature "Museum Notes" in The Numismatist to keep up with progress. Dick plans to list donors there - and he'll be happy to get your check or gift just any time.



Reports from the convention will be coming along in various publications for some time now. Don't miss them to know what's going on in our hobby!

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1 Unique - Only known Brownback Sheet on a Texas Bank. It is on the Beaumont National Bank Charter #5201 and consists of three \$10 Brown Back notes and one \$20 Brown Back note. The bank was in existence about six years as it was chartered in 1899 and liquidated in 1905. There are horizontal folds between the notes and light trace at a vertical fold. No question a museum piece. From the famous Philpott collection.

2 Unique - Only known uncut sheet of large size Texas currency with serial Number 1 on all four notes. The sheet is on the American National Bank of Eastland Texas, Charter #1125B. This sheet is a third charter with a geographical S near the bank charter number. The sheet has been folded between notes. From the famous Philpott collection.

3-4 A rare pair of number 1 uncut sheets of both Type 1 and Type 2 on the Tarrant County National Bank of Grapevine, Texas. Two sheets, Type 1 and Type 2, Charter #1270B with both being the number 1 sheets of each type. The type 1 sheet having six number 1 notes and the type 2 sheet having number 1 through 6. Both sheets contain six \$5 notes and both are crisp uncirculated. Both sheets from the famous Philpott collection.

5 A very rare uncut sheet of Republic of Texas currency consisting of the \$1, \$2, and \$3. All carry the Serial #6277 and are signed by Wm. H. Abell and J. H. Raymond dated July 1, 1841. One of the \$1 notes has been cut off as the original sheet consisted of 2 \$1, 1 \$2, and 1 \$3. Less than a half dozen of these uncut sheets are known. From the famous Philpott collection.

6-7 A rare pair of sheets on the Commercial and Agricultural Bank of Texas. These are written in both English and Spanish as they were used in the early 1830's in Texas. One consists of four \$1 notes and the other a pair of \$5 notes. This last sheet has about one third of the right side missing but is very rare in this condition.

This lot of seven sheets is for the very discriminating collector as all are museum pieces and would be impossible to duplicate. The price for this lot is a very reasonable \$5000.00 and a phone call to reserve them is advised.

*Douglas Weaver*  
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# JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

By MARY JANE WHYBORN  
San Antonio, Texas  
Youth Chairman

Who will be the TNA "Junior of the Year?" Who will receive the Junior VIP Award? We will have to wait until the 1972 convention in Dallas to find out. Meanwhile, I hope each of you will start working toward earning one, or both, of these outstanding awards.

The "Junior of the Year" award will go to the most outstanding junior numismatist in TNA: the Junior VIP Award, to the junior TNA member who signs up the most new TNA members each year -- regular members, junior, associate -- it doesn't matter. At the 13th convention in Amarillo your youth chairman proposed to the Board that these awards be given annually, beginning with the 1972 convention in Dallas. The Board was quick to agree to adoption of the proposal. Ellis Brooks, a past president of TNA announced that the San Angelo Coin Club will provide the award for the "Junior of the Year." D. O. Joplin, governor of District IX, stated that District IX would provide the Junior VIP Award. Both of these gentlemen have long been supporters of the junior program in numismatics and have always strived to help and encourage junior collectors all over Texas.

The Junior VIP will be determined from the records of the TNA secretary. It will be up to the clubs throughout the State to nominate candidates for the "Junior of the Year." I will be contacting each club individually just as soon as possible concerning making nominations for this award. Basically, it will be up to each club to decide how to select its candidate. A letter of nomination for each

candidate will be submitted to the youth chairman, who will make the final selection. The names of the winners of both awards will be announced at the awards breakfast, which is a regular event of each TNA convention.

I expect the cooperation of the various club in ensuring that the many fine junior members of TNA are given a chance at the "Junior of the Year" award. A selection cannot be made without their help. Your local club will be letting you know how it will help make that selection. See ya' next month.

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## COMMENTARIUM —

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memorial Library and doing some research in addition to what your coin books give you on the subject. Many times you will find that the national publications: Coin World, Numismatic News, Coinage and others can be of help to you in the preparation of your program. Coin quizzes can be made interesting and entertaining with very little effort on the part of the person presenting it.

Most all of you will find that in properly preparing a numismatic program through your research, you will read information that you would not have done otherwise. Let's share our knowledge of numismatics with our fellow collectors!

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The United States never has coined a "penny." This is a nickname derived from the early English pennies. We coin cents. They are known as coppers. Quarters and halves are really nicknames for 25-cent and 50-cent pieces.



from the

# first vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Col. Charles A. Wingo

Rt. 2, Box 109  
Denison Texas 75020



Congratulations to the Amarillo Coin Club on winning the ANA National Coin Week Class A award for their scrapbook. The TNA is proud of you!

The TNA is also proud of the way District 3 has organized and conducted annual joint meetings of the clubs in their district. I attended the recent one held in Sweetwater and thoroughly enjoyed it. It's a wonderful way to bring area collectors together and enjoy a day of numismatic fun. I also attended a District 5 breakfast meeting in Garland which was held in connection with

the Mesquite-Garland Coin Club show. Another good idea.

Believe me, all you collectors who attend the 1972 TNA convention are going to be privileged to hear two of our country's most outstanding numismatic personalities. Sorry that's all the information I'm allowed to release at this time.

The San Angelo Coin Club has put me on their mailing list to receive their official Bulletin. It's a dandy, and I hope they also send one to TNA News. If other clubs publish news bulletins, please put TNA News on your mailing list. I'd be real happy to receive one too!



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VIP - VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE - truly to be one of the least used names of any organization but one of the most needed. It is with great pride that we have two district governors and one member who have signed five new members in the first three months of our new year. They are L. O. Joplin, District 9 governor; Dewey Fields, District 10 governor; and Bill Johns - all have five new members to their credit in the first three months of the year. Counting the two above, there are seven governors who are well on their road for five new members for the coming year. The rest need to start working for new members. If not a new member, maybe a drop-out that you can get back in the fold. These are needed too. They are collectors that we need in TNA. It is down the stretch where the athlete shows what he is made of. What better way to say that a VIP is like that. Strong in the stretch. Keep up the good work.



In the July issue there are a few meeting dates of clubs from over the state. The editor asked for more. Let your secretary or TNA reporter send your meeting date and place to her and it will appear. This is good as a lot of TNA members travel and they just might be in your town on your meeting night and would pay you a visit. Surely all clubs like to have the new visit them. They would be new to you as some never get out of

their own club. This is a very fine way to find that coin or coins that you have been looking for.

Also don't forget to use the TNA News to advertise your upcoming show. This really works and it will bring you a lot of good coin collectors to help make your show a good one.



The TNA president stated that plans for the 1972 TNA convention were coming along fine. For those who have never attended a TNA convention, this is asking you to start making plans to attend now. I promise you that you will not be sorry you did. There is something for everyone and you will meet some of the finest people in the world - fellow coin collectors. I do not know what the feature display will be yet but I can assure you it will be worth seeing. In fact only a state or national show would you be able to see some of the feature displays that are put together. There will be some amazing exhibits as well. Some of the biggest and some of the best dealers in the United States will be there and you will be able to find the coin or coins that you are looking for. It is not too early to start planning so hope to see you in Dallas in April, 1972.



Just another word - District 3 held a joint meeting in Sweetwater and we were very proud to have five of the six clubs represented. We were very

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# from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Mrs. Augusta Felda  
420 Heritage Drive  
Tyler, Texas 75701



Welcome to new members 2199-2215.

If approved the following will become members October 1, 1971.

2243 (D-3) Joe Flagg, Box 1538, Abilene, Tex. 79604. Type U.S., Buz Sawyer.

2244 (D-10) Melvin A. Sharp, 323 Coral Hills, El Paso, Tex. 79912. Mexico, Dewey & Fern Fields.

2245 (D-10) Jackson W. Stevens, 312 Encino Dr., El Paso, Tex. 79905. American, Dewey & Fern Fields.

J-2246 (D-10) Jay Thomas Stevens, 312 Encino Dr., El Paso, Tex. 79905. American, Dewey & Fern Fields.

J-2247 (D-10) Jeffrey S. Stevens, 312 Encino Dr., El Paso, Tex. 79905. American, Foreign, Dewey & Fern Fields.

A-2248 (D-15) Mrs. Shirley Williams, 5695 N Circuit Beaumont, Tex 77706. U.S. Coins, E. H. Brooks & Lyman C. Bartee

2249 (D-3) James M. Arcesi, 1927 Wilson St, San Angelo, Tex. 76901. U. S. Coins, E. H. Brooks and Lyman Bartee.

2250 (D-3) C. S. Longcope Box 667, Brownwood, Tex 76801. General & Gold, Clark Coursey & Lyman C. Bartee

2251 (D-3) Austin Maedgen, Box 44, Brownwood, Tex 76801. General, Clark Coursey & Fred O. Brooks.

2252 (D-4) C. J. R. Woods, Box 348, Kingsland, Tex 78639. Gold & Medals, Lyman C. Bartee

A-2253 (D-4) Mrs. C. J. R. Woods,

Box 348, Kingsland 78639. General, Lyman C. Bartee.

2254 S. E. Kay, Box 26, Bastrop, La. 71220. U.S. Coins, Thos. C. Bain

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C143 (D-4) Capital City Coin Club, 8606 Stillwood Lane, Austin, Tex. 78723.

LM-43 (D-7) Col. Frank O'Sullivan, Box 594, Castroville, Tex. 78809.

A-1544 (D-7) Mrs. Marie O'Sullivan, Box 594, Castroville, Tex 78809.

1179 (D-7) Maj. Alvin E. Nauman, Box 642, Castroville, Tex. 78809

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## SECOND VICE PRESIDENT —

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pleased to have the TNA president, Lyman Bartee; the first vice president, Col. Chas. Wingo; the second vice president, your truly; District 2 Governor H. R. Peppard, and past president and now on the advisory council, Ellis Brooks. A big time was had by all. Me for the meeting was Buz Sawyer, governor, District 3





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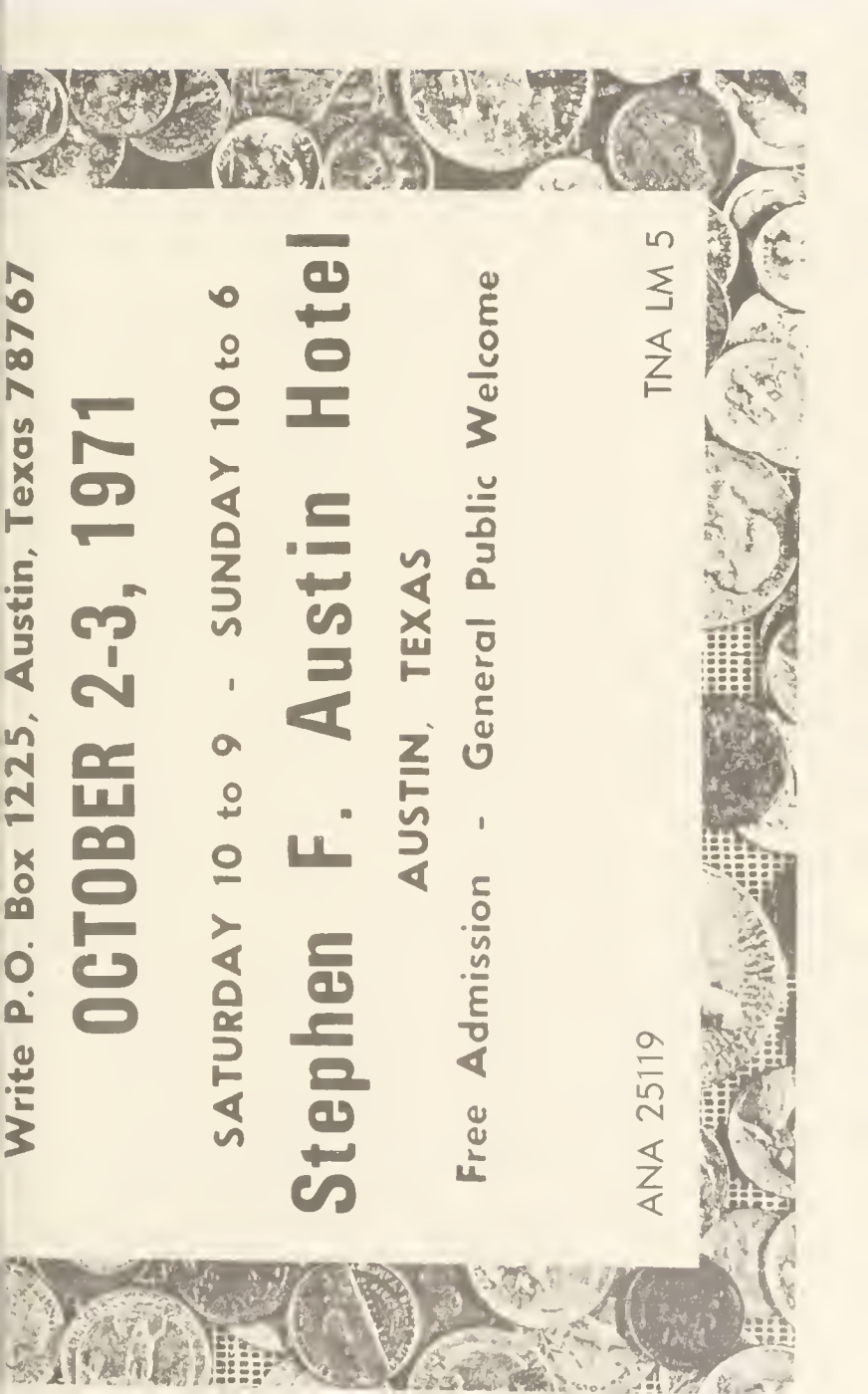
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Fund Certificate of Deposit \$1,328.30  
(This amount is not shown in the balance above.)

## D. E. Fenton Dies

Dudley E. Fenton, faithful member of the Central Texas Coin Club of Brownwood, for several years, died July 2 in Veterans Hospital at Big Spring. He suffered a heart attack three weeks prior to his death and was hospitalized at Brownwood two weeks before being transferred to Big Spring.

Services and burial were on July 5 in Brownwood. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include two sisters.

## Mrs. Luker Dies

Mrs. J. R. Luker died July 27 in M. D. Anderson Hospital at Houston. She had been ill some time.

Interment was in Albert Thomas Veteran's Administration Cemetery in Houston on July 29.

Before her illness, Mrs. Luker was very active in the Northline Coin Club, having served as its president and having handled the registration table at its first four shows. She and Mr. Luker have been very active in VFW work also.

Survivors besides her husband, is her mother of Washington State.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 11-12

**SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB**, annual show, Town House Motor Hotel Write Club, Box 57, San Angelo 76901.



## SEPTEMBER 18-19

**ODESSA COIN CLUB**, 11th annual Permian Basin coin show, Inn of the Golden West, Gen. Chmn.: Bill Hedges, 1226 Pueblo, Odessa 79760.



## SEPTEMBER 18-19

**NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB**, Sweetwater, annual Wildcat Show, Nolan County Coliseum, Write: Mrs. Mabel Cunningham, Box 777, Sweetwater 79556.



## SEPTEMBER 18-19

**BEAUMONT COIN CLUB**, annual coin show, Red Carpet Inn, Bourse - Carl Herfffield, 5030 Star Dust Dr., Beaumont 77706.



## SEPTEMBER 19

**BEEVILLE COIN CLUB**, 4th annual coin show, Bee County College Student Center, Bourse: Chas. T. Galloway, Box 252, Beeville 78102.



## SEPTEMBER 26

**PORT ISABEL COIN CLUB**, annual show, Sea Island Motel, Padre Island, Bourse: Hicks Prescott, Prescott Coin Shop, Jackson Ave., Harlingen 78550.



## OCTOBER 2-3

**AUSTIN COIN CLUB**, 11th Money Mart, Stephen F. Austin Hotel Write Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

## OCTOBER 9-10

**FORT WORTH COIN CLUB**, 10th annual show, Green Oaks Inn, IH 20, Bourse: Lee Medley, Box 7167, Ft. Worth.



## OCTOBER 16-17

**PARIS COIN CLUB**, 6th annual North Star of Texas coin show, Paris Junior College, Bourse: Joe B. Bills, 248 1st S.W., Paris 75460.



## OCTOBER 23-24

**LIBERTY COIN CLUB**, Corpus Christi annual show, Memorial Coliseum, Write club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.



## OCTOBER 30-31

**DALLAS EAST COIN CLUB**, annual show, Lockwood Hall, Lockwood Village, Details later.



## NOVEMBER 7

**LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB**, Littlefield, annual show, Write: D. O. Joplin, 404 College, Levelland 79336.



## 1972 SEASON

### JANUARY 14-16

**GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, INC.**, annual show, Rice Hotel Write Club, Box 2963, Houston 77001.



### FEBRUARY 26-27

**KEY CITY COIN CLUB**, 11th annual show, Civic Center, Abilene, Write Buz Sawyer, Box 2741, Abilene 79604.



### MARCH 5

**LEVELLAND COIN & STAMP CLUB**, annual Spring show, High School Cafeteria, Write: D. O. Joplin, 404 College, Levelland 79336.



### APRIL 8-9

**SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB**, Lub-

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## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT ONE:

A total of 99 members and guests attended the June and July meetings of Mineral Wells Coin Club at Crazy Water Hotel. Three new members were welcomed into the club, many visitors were on hand and the club is making every effort to increase interest in the activities.

Duane Stout gave a talk on the "Development of Coins Since the Original Thirteen States" at the June meeting. Dennis Rahideau, at the July meeting spoke on "Dollars Used in the Early U.S." He gave highlights of dollars minted along with Trade dollars.

A O Thomas was to be in charge of the August meeting speaking on "small U.S. currency." —Lee R. Waltman, Pres.



R. W. Darrah  
Governor

### DISTRICT THREE:

Members of Key City Coin Club of Abilene have selected the 1972 dates for the annual coin show. The event is scheduled for February 26-27.

The show will be held at the Civic Center. Many outstanding exhibits are being planned



Buz Sawyer  
Governor

Contact Buz Sawyer, Box 2741, Abilene 79604. —Buz Sawyer, Gov. Dist. 3.



A joint meeting of all clubs in District 3 was held Sunday afternoon, July 18 in the Annex Building of Nolan County Coliseum in Sweetwater with Nolan County Coin Club serving as host club.

The meeting was called to order by Fred Clark, past governor of District 3, who at that time relinquished his position to the present governor, Buz Sawyer.

Sawyer began the meeting by recognizing the dignitaries present: Lyman Barton, TNA president; Charles Wingo, TNA first vice president; Clark, TNA second vice president; H. R. Peppard, District 2 governor; Ellis Brooks, TNA past president and San Angelo Coin Club president; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Coursey, TNA News publishers; James Williams, Nolan County Coin Club president; and Buster Caudle, Key City Coin Club president.

Sawyer pointed out that the district had recently been enlarged to include two more clubs: Eastland Coin Club and Central Texas Coin Club of Brownwood. Representatives from five of the six clubs were present at the meeting.

The new governor mentioned that he would like to see the district to be the first with 100% TNA membership. But, he reminded those present, that not only is it their job to recruit new members, but also to work with the new members in order to keep them.

Sawyer then introduced the TNA

president Bartee stated that he feels that the area is one of the strong areas of the state and that joint meetings of districts within the state are desirable.

In speaking of TNA, he pointed out one of the advantages of membership to include

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ables him to keep abreast of the activities in the state.

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3. Through the TNA convention he is able to meet and talk with more people, thus broadening his general knowledge.

To date, TNA has approximately 800 members. Membership is \$5.00 the first year and \$4.00 each year thereafter. Anyone signing up now, would have his membership paid through 1972.

Wingo complimented the district for doing so well about submitting articles and club write-ups to the TNA News. He asked all to keep up the good work.

A discussion arose concerning next year's joint meeting. Both Nolan

County club and the San Angelo club made a motion that their club host the meeting. A vote was taken and the San Angelo club was selected as the host club for the 1972 meeting.

The trophy for the town with the most persons attending was then given away and the San Angelo club received it, with 16 members present. Others included: Key City club with 11 present, Nolan County, 15, Big Spring, 4, and Central Texas with two present. Any club winning the trophy for three consecutive years may keep it. —Mrs. Pat Panzer, Sec.



Central Texas Coin Club of Brownwood boasts 33 active members according to the secretary, Mrs. Jesse Head. Ten junior members are included in the total report. From a news release sent to Coin World concerning the club medals, \$84.00 worth of medals had been sold.

Thirty eight attended the July meet-



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ing in the Blue Flame Room, Lone Star Gas building.

Buz Sawyer, District 3 governor was present and made a report on the joint meeting of District 3 clubs held in Sweetwater. Also District 16 governor, Fred Brooks of Corsicana, and Mrs. Brooks were present and gave an interesting report on a recent ANA Seminar held in Colorado Springs, Colo. —Melba Coursey, Reporter.



Nineteen members and two guests attended the July meeting of Big Spring Coin Club held at Settles Hotel. Doyce McKee, club treasurer, conducted a short business meeting. Bob Neeley of San Angelo was auctioneer for the evening.

Fred Clark, TNA second vice president, gave a program on "How to

Display Coins to Win in Shows" and other interesting facts on exhibiting coins. —Mrs. Dwain Leonard, Sec.



Progress reports on the upcoming show September 11-12 sponsored by San Angelo Coin Club were heard from Chairman Weldon Surber at the July meeting held at Town House Motor Hotel. Fred Clark, bourse chairman, also made a report. Thirty members and guests attended the meeting.

The club won the trophy at the District 3 joint meeting held in Sweetwater and it was displayed. San Angelo club had 16 attending the joint session.

Dick Swindoll was in charge of the program and talked on "U.S. Coins Made With Nickel." Morris Isabel was to present the August program. —Club Bulletin.



#### DISTRICT FOUR:

TNA President Lyman Bartee presented the program at the July meeting of Austin Texas Coin Club. His talk was on possible commemorative coins for the Bi-Centennial to be celebrated in 1976. Twenty six members were present.

Bartee was to represent the club at the Club Representative breakfast at the ANA convention in Washington during August.

The September meeting was planned for a "show and tell" program with members bringing displays of their second hobby. —Lyman Bartee, Sec.



District 4 Governor Ray Kirkpatrick made an official visit to Highland Lakes Coin Club on July 20.

Mr. Boudaux gave the program. Two more club members joined TNA.



Ray Kirkpatrick  
Governor



**SAN ANGELO WINNER** — San Angelo Coin Club was winner of the attendance trophy which it donated for the joint meeting held in Sweetwater of District 3 coin clubs. San Angelo counted 16 members present at the special meeting.

and hopes are that TNA membership will be 100% by January 1.

The club meets the third Tuesday at Highland Lakes National Bank, Kingsland. —"A Substitute Reporter."



#### DISTRICT FIVE:

On Sunday, July 11, officers and representatives from seven area clubs met with TNA President Lyman Bartee and Col. Charles A Wingo, TNA first vice president, before the opening of the Garland - Mesquite Coin Club show. Bartee led a general discussion aimed at increasing attendance at individual club meetings and member-



Bob Hewgley  
Governor



ship in TNA.



At the regular July meeting, Dallas Coin Club heard T. Homer Brooks, general chairman for the 1972 TNA convention to be held in the Baker Hotel, Dallas, on April 15-17, opened the business meeting to review plans and progress on the 1972 convention. A complete picture was furnished by Brooks and Tom Bain, bourse chairman, and in addition Brooks tentatively listed committee chairman for the convention.

Twenty five were present at the Baker Hotel. —Thomas L. Moore, Sec.



Members of Numismatics International met in July at Republic Savings & Loan Community Room in Dallas. Twenty five were present.

Edward E. Slade Jr. spoke on "Central American Federation." His lecture was highlighted with about

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Mesquite-Garland Coin Club held its annual coin show on July 10-11 at Garland Lions Club International Bldg. and it was reported that 650 persons attended. Thirty one bourse dealers were present from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

John Mullendore was general chairman. Bourse committee was composed of Mullendore, Bob Hewgley, George Johnson and Tom Bann. Mrs. Mullendore, Louise Sheets and Vernon Bash were in charge of kitchen arrangements.

Bob Hewgley, governor District 5, held a meeting of TNA representatives before the start of the Sunday section of the show. Discussion of ideas brought to this get-together should be of great help in stimulating interest in numismatics.

At the regular club meeting in June, Bill Hancock, special agent of the United States Secret Service, was speaker. Hancock used slides and specimen counterfeits employed in the Secret Service work, to make his interesting experiences even more forceful. From many remarks made by visitors to the show, word of the Hancock speech had been far reaching.

The club's participation in National Coin Week should receive some credit for the intense interest in club activities. Bob Hewgley deserves special mention because he has been attending meetings of as many of his clubs in District 5 as humanly possible. He has carried the club display of Republic of Texas Currency to the Greenville coin show and the TNA convention and set up the display in the First National Bank of Mesquite. The exhibit won a first place trophy at the TNA convention to add to its

several other trophies. Although the club's scrapbook did not win in National Coin Week, it did receive a complimentary letter from Lee Martin and his committee. —Frances O. Landon, Sec.



#### DISTRICT SIX:

**Greater Houston Coin Club, Inc.**

have announced that the club's articles of incorporation have been approved and placed on record so the club is now incorporated. The July meeting was held at 3838 Westheimer with 17 members and two visitors present.



Charlotte Nichols  
Governor

The club made a second \$50.00 donation to ANAT. New shipping cases are to be obtained for the 100-plus display cases the club owns.

Jelfery Dunn, club junior member who won best in show at the 1971 Houston show, spoke on Confederate money, his specialty.

There were both a junk and reserve auction. —Chris Johns, Reporter.



Meetings for the Israel Numismatic Society of Texas were discontinued for the months of July and August but regular meetings will resume on September 8 and will be held the second Wednesday of each month. The regular meeting place is the Mercantile Bank, 4010 S. Braeswood Blvd. in Houston.

The meetings consist of regular business meeting, then the current issues of Israel coins. Members are able to buy the new issues at issue price. An auction is held at each meeting and also there are some very interesting films shown.

For more information write to P. O. Box 35673, Houston 77035 and if in

Houston be sure and drop by for a visit. — Club President.



The annual coin show hosted by Northline Coin Club was held July 24-25 at Ramada Inn in Houston. Approximately 700 visited the show. Thirty dealers were present including one from Montana, several from Louisiana and nationally known Texas dealers plus R. A. Glasscock and his comprehensive stock of coin supplies.

W. T. McHouell was general chairman assisted by J. R. Luker, bourse; and Chris Johns, exhibits.

This is the first year the club has attempted to offer displays, so they were non-competitive, invitational. Exhibitors included Charlotte Nichols "Five Queens," Karen Warren "Commemorative 50 Schillings of Austria," Mrs. John Herbert "Coin Weight and Scale," John Cash "U.S. Types, Silver and Gold," Richard Monell "Coins of Panama" and Chris Johns "Miniatures of the World." Exhibitors were given a small token of appreciation from the club, in anticipation of competitive awards next year. — Chris Johns, TNA Rep.



Galveston County Coin Club of Texas City had their regular meeting on July 27. The program was member participation in a "show and tell" of favorite hobbies.

Included were U.S. large cents, 1971 New Zealand proof sets, state plates of the U.S., Gizzi penny from Africa, souvenir medal of 1804 Louisiana purchase and hand carved elephants.

An auction was planned for the August meeting — Ruby Threlkeld Sec.



Members of La Marque Coin Club met July 1 when Hugh Threlkeld had the program and talked on "Coins from Canada." He had his prize winning exhibit on Canadian coins to show.

At the July 15 meeting Anthony

Caso had the program and talked on Kennedy half dollars.

A get well card was signed and sent to Mrs. Lou Allen who is home from the hospital. The club project of selling wooden nickels is still going on and has been very successful. — Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.



#### DISTRICT SEVEN:

Ray Whyborn, District 7 governor, gave a slide presentation at the July meeting of Alamo Coin Club of San Antonio. The slides consisted of the coins of Mexico, 1 peso through the 20 peso gold. The set was furnished by the TNA Memorial Library.



Ray Whyborn  
Governor

The club has sold all of its consignment of 1972 Red Books which provides additional operating funds. The club met at American Red Cross headquarters in San Antonio with 26 present. — John Holds, Sec.



"Art in Medals," a colorful slide program was scheduled to be shown August 31 at the Alamo Coin Club-Gateway Coin Club joint meeting. The program tells the story of art medals how they developed from Roman coins, how fine art medals are made and how they are presently collected.

The slide program traced the production of an Apollo art medal and compared it with the steps of a trip to the moon by the Astronauts. The program was furnished by Medallic Art Co. of New York, well known for creating fine art and official medals.

The joint meeting was to be held in the auditorium of the American Red Cross headquarters, regular meeting place of the Alamo club. Visitors are

always welcome —Ray Whyborn, Gov.  
Dist. 7.



#### DISTRICT EIGHT:

At the July 12 meeting of Corpus Christi Coin Club, 22 members welcomed 4 guests and received three new members at Gulfway National Bank.

A gift of \$200 was voted toward a display case for the ANA Museum in memory of Jig Adams, Lamar Folda, Mrs. Sam Hindman and George Mather with the suggestion that Liberty Coin Club be invited to match the gift.

Tommy Coots, a junior member, told of spending an 1899 Barber quarter, given him for experimentation,



John Peterson  
Governor

4 times. (On it back is a numismatic item and being cautioned not to make the same mistake again.)

The president, C. H. "Cal" Lortie spoke on "Coin Investment," cautioned against buying coins of over two million mintage, advised buying not just one but 2 or 3 of a coin needed for a series so that they may later be sold and help pay the cost of the die for the collection.

At the July 26 meeting thirteen members voted one more into the club, added the name of Dan Barron to the list of those to be memorialized by the case for the ANA museum and viewed the TNA slide set on "U.S. Type Coins from Quarter Dollars through Silver Dollars." — Norma Mather, Reporter.



Members of Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi voted to donate \$200.00 to be used in conjunction with a similar amount donated by the Corpus



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Christi Coin Club for purchase of a case for the ANA museum in memory of Jig Adams, Dan Barron, Lamar Folda, George Mather and Mary Ann Hindman.

At a recent meeting Willie and Martha Park presented a slide set program on "Types of Regular Issue U. S. Coins - 3c to 20c" from the TNA Memorial Library — Club Bulletin.



The first meeting of July for Victoria Numismatic Club was the annual Summer picnic held in Lion's picnic area in Victoria Municipal Park. It was a combination chicken barbeque and covered dish supper.

The highlight of the second meeting of the month was a junior coin show with H. B. Rainey as adult director. Entries from six of the seven juniors were displayed. The prizes were donated by the senior members and were as varied as the displays. Rainey suggested each contestant be given his choice of prizes as his entry was rated with sixth place to "take all that is left."

The junior, his entry and rating are given: 1. Brooks Herring, U. S. Coins; Jimmie Bennett, Coins of Africa; Joel Fain, U. S. Type Set; Arthur Velasquez, Silver Certificates; Charles Rainey, Hacienda Tokens; and Marc Garrett, Simulated Silver Coins.

In absence of the President, Brother Christopher Doyle, vice president, John Holcomb, presided. Don Anderson was to be guest speaker at the August 5 meeting. He was to demonstrate, show slides and answer questions concerning the use of metal detectors. After hearing the scope of his presentation, the members voted

to invite two other clubs to visit — Charles Copley, Sec.



Coins received from Japan were to be auctioned at the August meeting of World Coin Club of Corpus Christi.

The club is meeting temporarily at Oak Park Church education building — Club Bulletin.



#### DISTRICT NINE:

A trade session, with 18 present, was held by South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock July 13 at Municipal Garden & Arts center.

It was suggested that District 9 clubs get together for a joint meeting and invite the TNA president, Lyman Bartee, to attend — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



Ten members attended the July meeting of Levelland Coin & Stamp Club held at the Chamber of Commerce building.

A discussion was held on a District 9 dinner for all clubs and invite the TNA president and other officers to attend. A swap session closed the meeting — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



Members of Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield voted to hold a District 9 meeting in Littlefield, date to be announced. Thirty were present at the meeting.

Show dates were announced - November 7 - with Gus Clark as exhibit chairman, Ernest Mills, bourse; and Chas. Barrett, publicity.

Slide Set No. 2 from the TNA Memorial Library entitled "Commemorative Half Dollars" was shown — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



D. O. Joplin  
Governor

### DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

A special program appropriate for vacation time on Rocky Mountains Wonderland was presented and narrated by M. L. Goadsby at the July meeting of Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club held at YMCA.

Forty-seven members and guests attended —Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.



W. C. Williams  
Governor

Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon met in July at Walbarger Memorial building with 21 in attendance.

Following the business session, T. L. O'Steen gave a report on his visit to the Mint in Philadelphia in June. —Mrs. T. L. O'Steen, S.c.

### DISTRICT FOURTEEN:

Plans were made for hosting the annual con show by Port Label Coin Club at the regular meeting in July held at Sea Island Motel on Padre Island. Eighteen members and guests were present.

Don Pruitt is general show chairman assisted by Hicks Prescott, bourse; Oneta Grisham, Francis Fullen and Miriam Gilmore, publicity. The show will take place September 26 with 17 bourse dealers in attendance.

John Chisum, club president, gave the program on error collecting. —Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.



John L. Chisum  
Governor

The South Texas Error Club met July 26 at Chisum's Rock Shop in

Pharr. Joe Bozada presided in the absence of the president.

Bozada described clipped planchets. —Add Lee Chisum, Reporter.

Eighteen members and guests attended the August 5 meeting of Hidaigo Coin Club held at Chisum's Rock Shop in Pharr.

A discussion was held on donating to the ANA museum. As the club is sponsoring a numismatic section at the Hidaigo County Museum, the matter was tabled.

L. G. Davenport, club president, told of his recent visit to California to attend the Error-A-Rama. He acted as exhibit judge for the convention and described the exhibits and activities of the annual event. —Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.

### DISTRICT FIFTEEN:

"The History of U.S. Cents" was the topic for discussion by Charlotte Nichols of Houston when she was guest speaker at the Beaumont Coin Club. Mrs. Nichols is governor for District 6, and displayed coins to enhance her talk.



Jerry Williams  
Governor

Eight members were given a certificate of award for their work during National Coin Week. A special night was also held for T. G. Brown, club auctioneer, with birthday cake and coffee.

Dates for the 1972 con show have already been selected and announced - September 16-17.

The club meets the third Thursday at First Security National Bank. —Shirley Williams, Reporter.

Due to the absence of the president and vice president Joe O'Neil, post

president, presided over the July meeting of **Port Arthur Coin Club** held at Merchant National Bank with 36 present.

Richard Krummel led the club in an open discussion of coins in general. Jerry Williams, general chairman of the **Beaumont Coin Club** show made the announcement of the show to be held September 18-19 at the Red Carpet Inn. —Shirley Williams, Reporter.



#### DISTRICT SIXTEEN:

Two organizational meetings of **Corsicana Coin Club** were held in July and August. The July meeting took place at the First Methodist Church Recreational Center with Fred Brooks, District 16 governor, in charge. David



Fred Brooks  
Governor

Rice was appointed temporary president; and Jolly Brown was named temporary secretary. Dues were set at two dollars for adults and one dollar for junior. It was agreed by the 13 original paid members that all who pay dues by or at the August meeting be considered as charter members.

A committee composed of David Rice and Elmer Pryor were appointed to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for presentation at the next meeting. Marshall Thixton was selected to bring the educational portion at the August meeting. His subject was to be Lincoln cents.

At the August meeting, C. S. McClanahan was elected to serve as vice president. The Constitution and By-Laws committee asked for an extension of time to prepare their material. The group voted to extend the time for new members names to

appear on the charter through the October meeting. Four juniors were reported to have joined.

Thixton presented his program on Lincoln cents followed by a question and answer period. Program for September was to include a report of the ANA convention by Fred Brooks. —Jolly Brown, Sec.



## WHEN & WHERE?

Many requests have been received for alisting on Texas coin clubs as to when and where they meet. Many of our members travel a great deal and plans could include a visit to a coin club if they had the proper information. We will list different clubs each month. If your club welcomes visitors, let us know when and where the meetings are held.



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# THE ENGLISH MODEL PENNIES

The English "Model Pennies" were designed, struck and issued by Joseph Moore. He struck them as an improvement on the large, heavy copper and bronze coins then in circulation. With the silver center, the weight and bulk of the coins could be brought down without affecting the monetary value. The model coins had a beaded border surrounding the center which served to identify the coins by touch. With these features it is easy why these private, experimental coins met great favor with the public. The mint in all probability would have accepted the design except for two factors:

1. It would cost too much to make holed copper planchets, strike them, plug them and strike the plugs. These are four operations in what used to be done in two.

2. The pressure put on the copper by the silver plug was too great; at least eight planchet cracks can be seen on a specimen in several collections. This would be completely unsatisfactory as the process produced a poor example of medallion art. The Royal Mint produced some beautiful coins during the early Victorian period, such as the "Gothic Crown" and the "Gothic Florin." A coin with cracked planchets could hardly be considered beautiful and certainly not up to the mint's standards.

The date of the striking of the model pennies is somewhat uncertain. It could be either 1844 or 1848. Since some dated varieties were struck in 1844, it is the general opinion that the undated coins also were minted at that time.

Moore made several different dies that were used for the portraits in the centers, so a few differences ap-

pear. Model pennies were made in 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/3, 1/16 and 1/32 penny denominations.

Only the 1 and 1/2d had silver centers, the 1/4d and 1/8d and coins were all copper, the 1/16d and 1/32 were all silver.

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1. All copper - Extremely Rare, possibly unique.
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4. Copper with silver center - Common.

A description of the coins are as follows:

## ONE PENNY -

**Obverse** - Beaded Border. Rim, One Penny, Model Center, VICTORIA. Hd. 1., REG. Within beaded border.

**Reverse** - Beaded Border. Rim, One Penny, Model Center, beaded border, 1. Diameter 22.5mm. Center 9.5mm. Edge - Plain.

## HALF PENNY -

**Obverse** - Beaded Border. Rim, Half Penny, Model Center. Similar as above but legend V-R or V--R.

**Reverse** - Rim, Beaded Border, Half Penny Model Center. Beaded Border, 1/2 Diameter 19.5 mm. Edge - Plain.

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## MAUNDY MONEY

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## CARTWHEELS!

In the late 1700s Great Britain was flooded with short weight tokens, some of good manufacture and others quite crude. To answer the problem, England in 1797 produced a penny and a two penny piece. These were the first English regal coins to be made by steam power and were noted for both their size and excellent workmanship. They were so well produced that effective forgery was not possible. The copper two penny piece weighed exactly 2 ounces and was as large as our silver dollar. It soon became known as a cartwheel because of the size and its unusual design which featured a broad raised rim around each side, in which were indented the name of the king on the obverse and Britannia and the date on the reverse. These were issued for a few years but the date did not change.

SEPTEMBER, 1971

## England's Edward VIII

Edward VIII, now known as the Duke of Windsor, succeeded to the throne of England upon the death of his father, George V on Jan. 20, 1936. As is custom, dies were prepared that would picture the new monarch on the coins of England, beginning in 1937, since 1936 coins, with the bust of George V were already struck and circulating when the good king died. The new king's love for a commoner, Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, and Parliament's refusal to allow him to both marry her and retain the throne, caused him to abdicate on December 11, 1936. The British authorities, seeking to obliterate Edward VIII from English history, sought to destroy all coins that may have been struck for 1937 and destroy all dies that pictured him. They almost succeeded but a few brass three pence pieces dated 1937 showing the bust of Edward VIII were discovered in circulation.

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